## What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 adapted to generate two or more drive voltages having
- 3 intermediate voltage levels with respect to a peak voltage
- 4 level, the intermediate voltage levels being classified into
- 5 a first group of levels and a second group of levels, said
- 6 power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 7 comprising:
- 8 an amplifier having a voltage follower configuration;
- 9 one or more capacitors connected to the amplifier, said
- 10 capacitors and said amplifier being provided for each level
- 11 of the first group of levels to generate a level in cooperation
- 12 with each other for the first group of levels; and
- 13 switching means controlled at a predetermined timing to
- 14 select a predetermined one of said capacitors to generate a
- 15 level with a discharge voltage of the capacitor and the peak
- 16 voltage level for the second group of levels.
  - 1 2. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 1, wherein all levels are generated with
  - 3 n number or less of said amplifier and n number or less of
  - 4 the capacitors when the number of the levels is equal to 2n
  - 5 for the intermediate voltage levels, wherein n is an integer.
  - 1 3. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 1, wherein all levels are generated with
  - 3 n number or less of said amplifier and 3n number or less of

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- 4 said capacitors when the number of the levels is equal to 4n
- 5 for the intermediate voltage levels, wherein n is an integer.
- 1 4. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 adapted to generate four drive voltages having intermediate
- 3 voltage levels with respect to a peak voltage level, said power
- 4 supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display comprising
- 5 two amplifiers each having a voltage follower configuration,
- o two ampirities even having a vortage fortower configuration,

two capacitors, and two switching means, the four intermediate

- 7 voltage levels being classified into a first group of levels
- 8 and a second group of levels, wherein:
- 9 said amplifiers and said capacitors generate a level for
- 10 the two levels of the first group of levels, and
- 11 said switching means controlled at a predetermined timing
- 12 selects a predetermined one of said capacitors to generate
- 13 a level with a discharge voltage of the capacitor and the peak
- 14 voltage level for the two levels of the second group of levels.
- 1 5. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said two capacitors are connected
  - 3 with each other via a junction, one level forming the first
  - 4 group of levels and another level forming the second group
- 5 of levels are successively generated at the junction.
- 1 6. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 adapted to generate four drive voltages having intermediate
- 3 voltage levels with respect to a peak voltage level, said power
- 4 supply circuit comprising one amplifier having a voltage

- 5 follower configuration, three capacitors, and three or four
- 6 switching means, the four intermediate voltage levels being
- 7 classified into a first group of levels and a second group
- 8 of levels, wherein:
- 9 said amplifiers and said capacitors generate a level for
- 10 the one level of the first group of levels, and
- 11 said switching means controlled at a predetermined timing
- 12 selects a predetermined one of said capacitors to generate
- 13 a level with a discharge voltage of the capacitor and the peak
- 14 voltage level for the remaining three levels of the second
- 15 group of levels.
  - 1 7. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a segment electrode
  - 3 and an additional capacitor which is used to stabilize the
  - 4 levels forming the second group of levels to a certain level
  - 5 available for being supplied to the segment electrode.
  - 1 8. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the capacitor or capacitors
  - 3 used to generate have a function to stabilize the level, for
  - 4 the levels for the second group of levels.
  - 1 9. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
  - 2 as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the timing is determined so
  - 3 as to be in synchronism with a display signal for a liquid
  - 4 crystal display and selection of said capacitor (s) is performed

- 5 by said switching means at a timing that does not affect the
- 6 liquid crystal display.
- 1 10. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the display signal comprises
- 3 either one of a frame signal, a data output signal, and a signal
- 4 generated on the basis of the data output signal.
- 1 11. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising a common electrode
- 3 and a segment electrode, wherein the capacitor used to generate
- 4 a level to be connected to the common electrode is controlled
- 5 by a signal which is in synchronism with the frame signal and
- 6 wherein the capacitor used to generate a level to be connected
- 7 to the segment electrode is controlled by a signal which is
- 8 in synchronism with the data output signal.
- 1 12. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2  $\,$  as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the timing is connected to said
- 3 capacitor(s) to generate a level only during a certain period
- 4 of switching the outputs and the timing is connected to a
- 5 predetermined level to charge the capacitor(s) during the
- 6 remaining period of time.
- 1  $\,$  13. A power supply circuit for driving liquid crystal display
- 2 as claimed in Claim 1; wherein the first group of levels is

- 4 saidamplifier(s) and said capacitor(s) have a low with standing
- 5 voltage.